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SUBJECT: Potential Danger to Public - Blue Castle Mine
5/015/077 - letter dated 4/17/03

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Mr. Dan Sheppard
GoldTerra, Inc.
4088 East Airport Road
P. O. Box 783
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Potential Danger to the Public, GoldTerra, Inc., Blue Castle Mine, S/015/077, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Sheppard:

On March 28, 2003, I visited the Blue Castle and Black Butte Mines. Copies of the inspection reports are enclosed. At the Blue Castle Mine, I was concerned about the depth and the steepness of the sides of the excavation. I did not measure the depth but estimated it to be about 25 feet. Some of the sides are nearly vertical, and I believe it would be easy for someone to accidentally fall into the pit and be seriously injured.

Division regulations require that the operator minimize hazards to the public safety and welfare during operations (R647-3-107.1). I do not believe the "Danger" sign you have posted is adequate and suggest the following options:

1. Fence the site.
2. Backfill the excavation so it is not so deep and the sides are not as steep as they now are.
3. Expand the excavation so the sides are less steep and so it would be possible for a person to escape. This might be done as you continue your operations rather than strictly to make the site safer.

Please let me know within two weeks after you receive this letter how you intend to accomplish the objective of making the site safer for the public. I appreciate your cooperation. Please call me at 801-538-5261 if you have any questions about this letter or the enclosed inspection reports.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Senior Reclamation Biologist

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Enclosure: Blue Castle and Black Butte Inspection Reports

cc: Dean Nyffeler, Price BLM

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